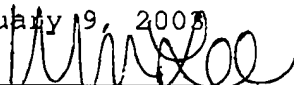


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In the 12/13/2002 restriction requirement, the Examiner has asked that Applicant elect a single disclosed species from the following three different genres for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable¹:

- 1) The different number of binding sites (claims 1-4, 50-54, 56)
- 2) The different structures in VDs, number of amino acids in X positions, VH and CH linking patterns (claims 5-10, 57-68, 73-79)
- 3) The specific amino acid sequences of linkers (claim 11).

Applicants respond as follows:

1) With respect to the different number of binding sites, Applicants elect the species "four antigen binding sites." At least claims 1-2, 4-15, and 17-80 are believed to be readable on the elected species.

2) Concerning the different structures in VDs, number of amino acids in X positions, VH and CH linking patterns, Applicants elect VH-CH1-VH-CH1-

¹As noted in page 5 of the 10/17/02 Office Action, Applicants understand that, upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

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Fc region. At least claims 1-15 and 17-60 are believed to be readable on the elected species.

3) As to the specific amino acid sequences of linkers in claim 11, Applicants elect gly-ser-gly-ser (SEQ ID NO:10). All pending claims are believed to be readable on the elected species.

Further prosecution on the merits is awaited.

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